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Amendments to the Specification

On page 1, please delete the heading "DESCRIPTION" that precedes the title.

On page 1, please delete the heading "TECHNICAL FIELD" and substitute therefore --
FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 1, please delete the heading "BACKGROUND ART" and substitute therefore --
BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 10, please delete the heading "BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE
INVENTION" and substitute therefore --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE
PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 15 of page 17 as follows:

Part of the outer circumferential edge portion of the second swash plate 51 corresponding to the vicinity of the piston 23B located at the bottom dead center position is located radially inward of the first swash plate 18 from the outer circumferential edge portion of the first swash plate 18. That is, part of the outer circumferential edge portion of the second swash plate 51 ~~corresponding to the vicinity of opposite to~~ the hinge mechanism 19 is located radially inward of the first swash plate 18 than the outer circumferential edge portion of the first swash plate 18. Therefore, for example, as compared to a case where the second swash plate 51 is not decentered from the first swash plate 18, the contact area between the second shoe 25B of the piston 23 located in the vicinity of the bottom dead center position and the second swash plate 51 is reduced. However, the reaction force of compression applied to the second shoe 25B of the piston 23 located in the vicinity of the bottom dead

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center position is far smaller than the reaction force of compression applied to the second shoe 25B of the piston 23 located in the vicinity of the top dead center position. Therefore, even if the contact area between the second shoe 25B of the piston 23 located in the vicinity of the bottom dead center position and the second swash plate 51 is reduced, no problem arises in the durability of the second swash plate 51 and the second shoe 25B.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 6 of page 18 as follows:

Part of the outer circumferential edge portion of the first swash plate 18 corresponding to the piston 23A located at the top dead center position and circumferentially adjacent parts thereof are provided with an inclined surface (a chamfer) on a salient corner 18b opposite to the second swash plate 51. That is, part of the outer circumferential edge portion of ~~the second swash plate 51~~ the first swash plate 18 corresponding to the vicinity of the hinge mechanism 19 is provided with the inclined surface (the chamfer) on the salient corner 18b opposite to the second swash plate 51. In other words, part of the outer circumferential edge portion of the first swash plate 18 corresponding to a circumferential range of the first swash plate 18 that arranges any of the pistons 23 at the top dead center position is provided with the inclined surface on the salient corner 18b opposite to the piston 23A. The inclined surface (the chamfer) on the salient corner 18b is the largest at the part corresponding to the piston 23A located at the top dead center position, and gradually becomes smaller along the circumferential direction. The inclined surface (the chamfer) on the salient corner 18b is provided within a range of quarter to half the circumference of the first swash plate 18 with the part corresponding to the piston 23A located at the top dead center position arranged in the middle.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 13 of page 33 as follows:

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Part of the outer circumferential edge portion of the swash plate 58 corresponding to the piston 23A located at the top dead center position and circumferentially adjacent parts thereof are provided with an inclined surface on a salient corner 58a opposite to the piston 23. That is, part of the outer circumferential edge portion of the swash plate 58 corresponding to the vicinity of the hinge mechanism 19A is provided with the inclined surface on the salient corner 58a toward the hinge mechanism 19A. In other words, part of the outer circumferential edge portion of the swash plate 58 corresponding to a circumferential range of the swash plate 58 that arranges the piston 23A at the top dead center position is provided with the inclined surface on the salient corner 58a opposite to the piston 23. As shown in Fig. 7, part of the inclined surface of the salient corner 58a corresponding to the piston [[23]] 23A located at the top dead center position is the largest, and gradually becomes smaller along the circumferential direction.